

SENATE BILL 289

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program –**
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain persons who live outside the
6 State under certain circumstances; repealing a certain obsolete provision;
7 repealing a certain termination provision; and generally relating to eligibility
8 for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 18–601
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Chapter 418 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004
16 Section 2

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 18-601.

2 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public
4 safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

5 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be
6 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

7 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or
8 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be
9 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the
10 time of the injury.

11 (3) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

12 (4) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

13 (i) A career or volunteer member of a:

14 1. Fire department;

15 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

16 3. Rescue company or squad;

17 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

18 (iii) A correctional officer; or

19 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a
20 resident of this State at the time of death.

21 (5) "Victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks" means a
22 Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center
23 in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United
24 Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

25 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded by eligible
26 postsecondary institutions under this section.

27 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

28 (d) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a
29 scholarship under this section if the person:

1 (1) **(I)** [Except as provided in item (3)(iii) of this subsection and
2 subsection (e) of this section, is] **IS a resident of Maryland AT THE TIME OF**
3 **APPLICATION; OR**

4 **(II) WAS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND WHEN AN EVENT**
5 **DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION OCCURRED;**

6 (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
7 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

8 (ii) Is enrolled in a 2–year terminal certificate program in which
9 the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
10 program in an eligible institution; and

11 (3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of
12 the armed forces who:

13 1. Died as a result of military service after December 7,
14 1941;

15 2. Suffered a service connected 100% permanent
16 disability after December 7, 1941; or

17 3. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in
18 action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict,
19 and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing
20 in action;

21 (ii) Was a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred
22 on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of
23 this State at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in
24 action;

25 (iii) 1. **[A.]** Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of
26 any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

27 **[B.] 2.** Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public
28 safety employee killed in the line of duty; **[and**

29 2. Is a resident of any state;]

30 (iv) 1. Is a disabled public safety employee;

31 2. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a
32 disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders
33 the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

1 3. Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety
2 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety
3 employee 100% disabled;

4 (v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9–901 of the State
5 Government Article, who:

6 1. Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or
7 greater; and

8 2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal
9 veterans' educational benefits; or

10 (vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the
11 surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

12 [(e) For a person who graduates from a high school in this State in 2004, that
13 person shall be eligible under subsection (d)(1) of this section if the person:

14 (1) Is a resident of Maryland;

15 (2) Is a student at a Maryland high school at the time of application;
16 or

17 (3) Graduated from a Maryland high school within 3 months of
18 application.]

19 [(f)] (E) A scholarship awarded under this section:

20 (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible
21 institution; and

22 (2) May not:

23 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of
24 a resident undergraduate student at the 4–year public institution of higher education
25 within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland
26 University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual
27 expenses for a full–time resident undergraduate; and

28 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

29 1. \$3,000; or

30 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of
31 a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.